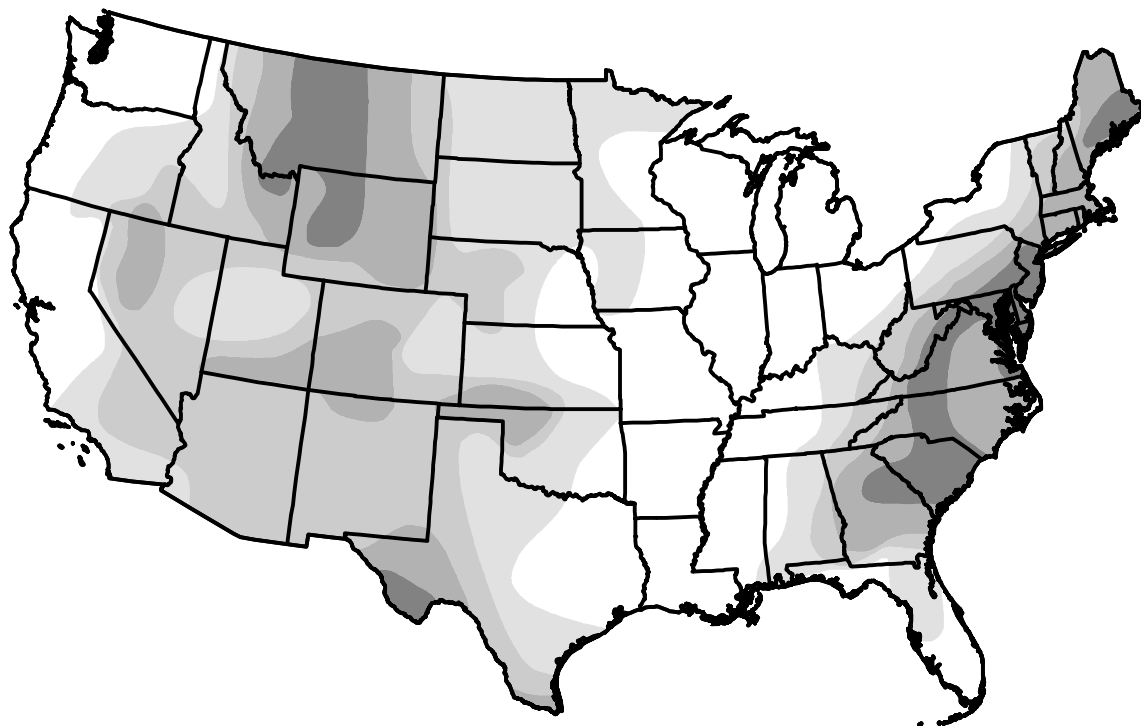


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**March 12, 2002**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 32.84 | 67.16 | 43.93 | 21.55 | 6.76  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-05-2002</i>              | 36.39 | 63.60 | 36.53 | 18.16 | 5.66  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-11-2001</i>           | 45.64 | 54.35 | 37.11 | 21.90 | 8.69  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 46.53 | 53.46 | 36.64 | 22.71 | 8.75  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2001</i>    | 56.30 | 43.69 | 28.40 | 19.78 | 9.38  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-13-2001</i>           | 66.03 | 33.97 | 21.02 | 9.39  | 1.59  | 0.71 |

### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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